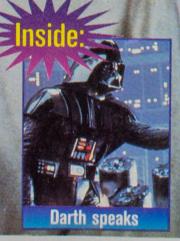
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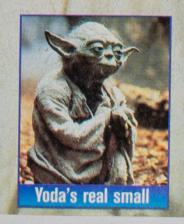
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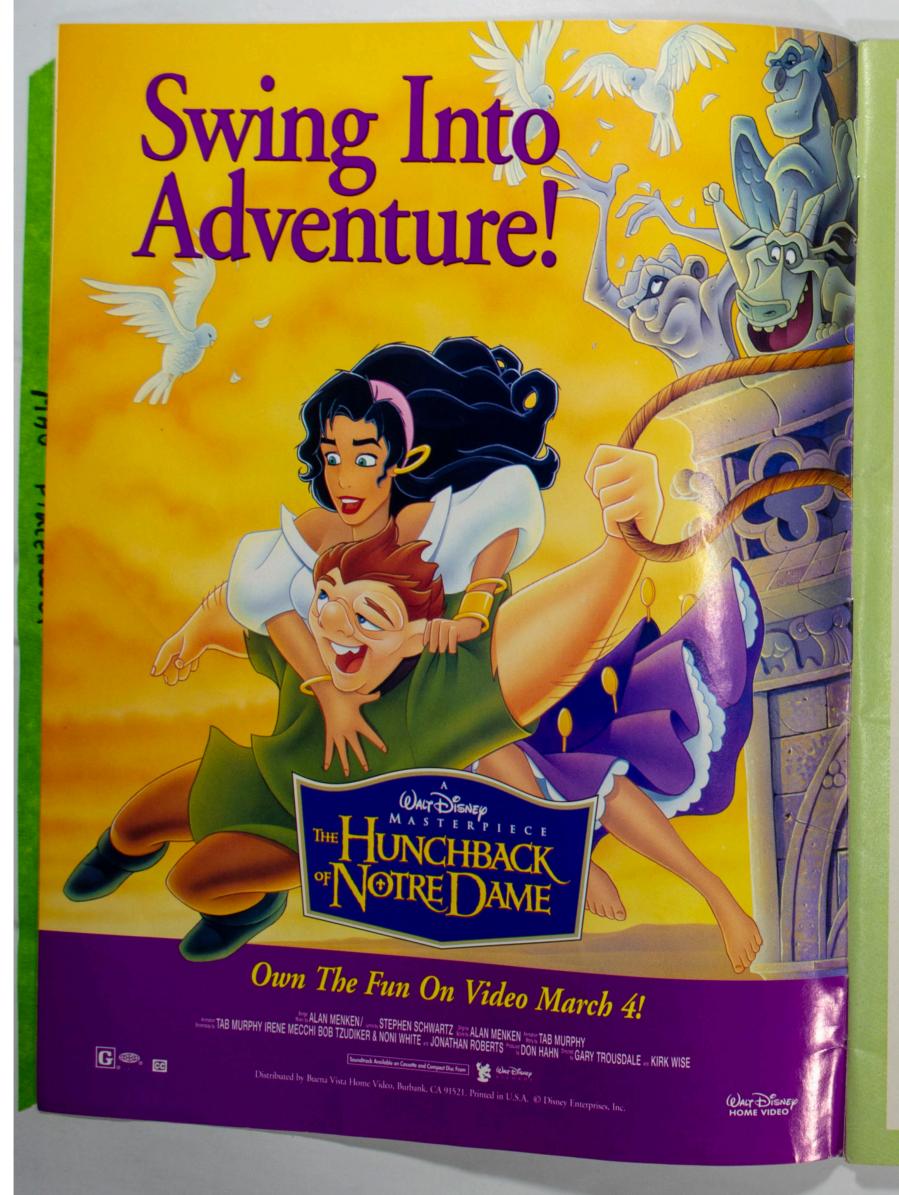
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Dear Nick Mag, When do editors get vacations? Kara L., age 11 Mountville, Pennsylvania

Dear Kara,

Vacation? What's a vacation? Seriously, it is hard to take vacations, because we're always so busy creating the magazine. But we manage. We produce 10 issues a year, so when we do an issue like the last one (January/February), it lasts for two months. That means we got to take a breather before we made this issue.

Dear Nick Mag, Does Zelda have a bodyguard? Jennifer K., age 11 Woodinville, Washington

Dear Jennifer.

Zelda doesn't have a bodyguard, but if she did, she'd keep him on a short leash.

Dear Nick Mag,

I like those stories where you fill in the blanks with a noun, verb, or adjective. Can you please put them in more issues? Nicole D., age 12 Hesperia, California

Dear Nicole,

We're glad you think the fill-in-the-blank stories are _____. Look for a new one about _____ in this issue. It's called "A Mis-Guided Tour." We hope you

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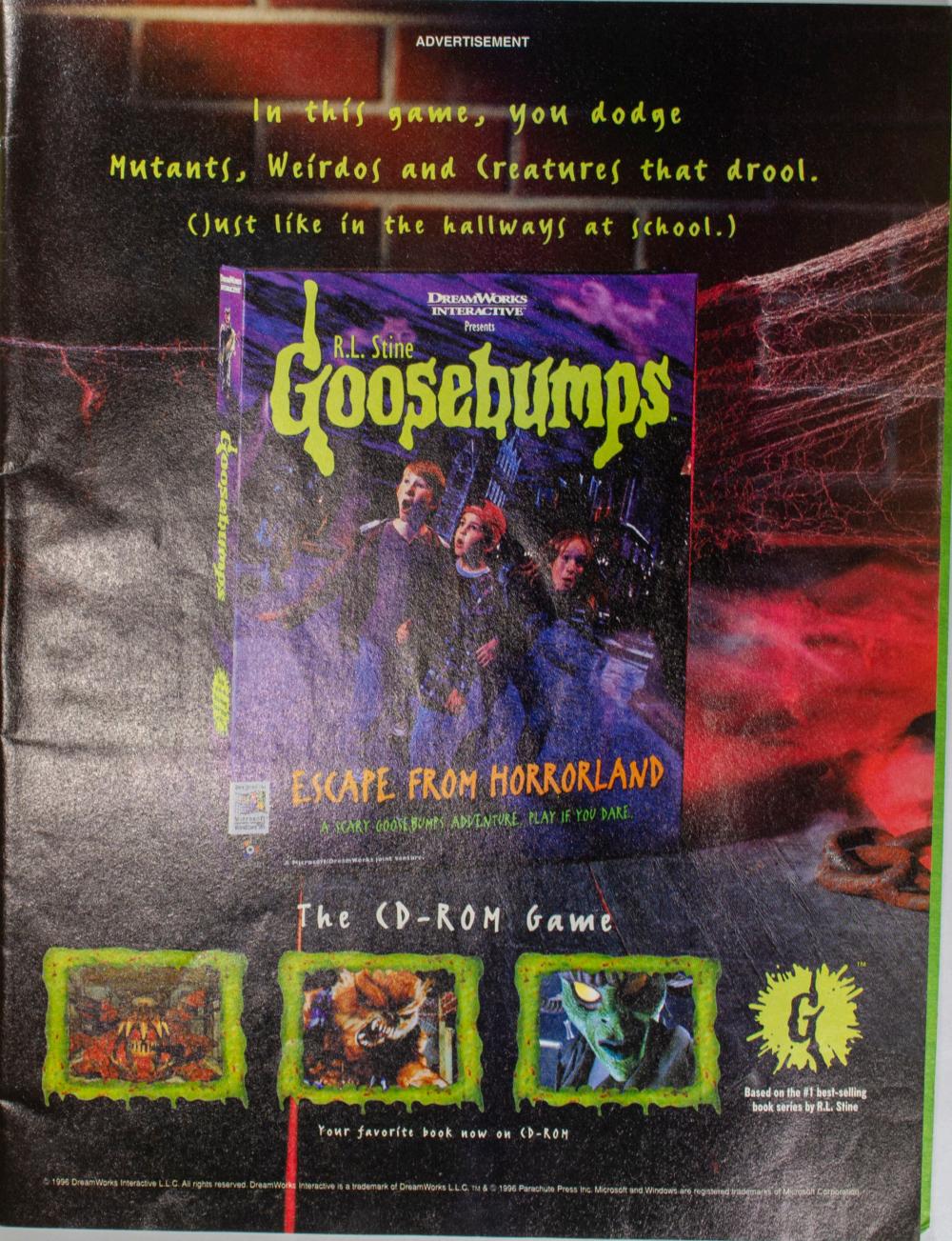
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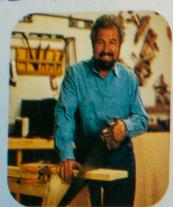
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THIS OLD HOST

Real Bob Vila built his reputation for home repair as the host of PBS's This Old House and then on his own show, Bob Vila's Home Again. We drilled him about his life as Mr. Fix-It.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: When did you first realize that you would be good at home repair?

Bob Vila: Probably when I was seven or eight years old. I followed my dad around and carried his tools.

NM: Whose home would you most want to fix up? BV: I'd love to take a crack at fixing Tim Allen's house, because it was damaged in an earthquake [in January

NM: Do you think Home Improvement is based on you?

BV: Oh, a lot of people think so. And if it is, I'm

NM: What's the funniest thing that has happened

BV: One time, a homeowner let me in the front door, and when she closed it behind me, a shelf fell to the floor.

BV: A power saw cutting through stone.

NM: Would you rather be a hammer or a nail? **BV:** I'd rather be a hammer, because I like to be in charge.

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St. Patrick is said to have driven the snakes out o' Ireland sometime in the fifth century. On March 17, people celebrate

St. Patrick's Day to commemorate this Irish hero. Find the six true statements and the four shams below. Answers on page 56.

1. The Chicago River is dyed green for St. Patrick's Day.

2. The top o' the Empire State Building is lit up in green for St. Patrick's Day.

3. St. Patrick's Day is the only day o' the year that a bar o' Irish Spring deodorant soap can balance on its end.

4. The St. Patrick's Day parade in Holyoke, Massachusetts, will not be held on St. Patrick's Day.

5. The Statue o' Liberty is green because it was a gift to the United States from Ireland

6. Erin go bragh means "Ireland forever" in Gaelic.

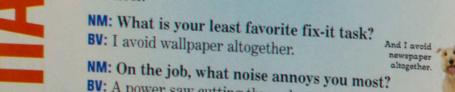
7. Herb Scannell, the president o' Nickelodeon, uses prease paint to color himself green for the entire month o' March.

8. The Shamrock Shake, McDonald's green mint-flavored drink, was first sold in 1970.

9. Patty-cake was first played by St. Patrick.

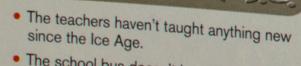
10. In 1996, more than 26 billion Lucky Charms marshmallow bits were eaten.





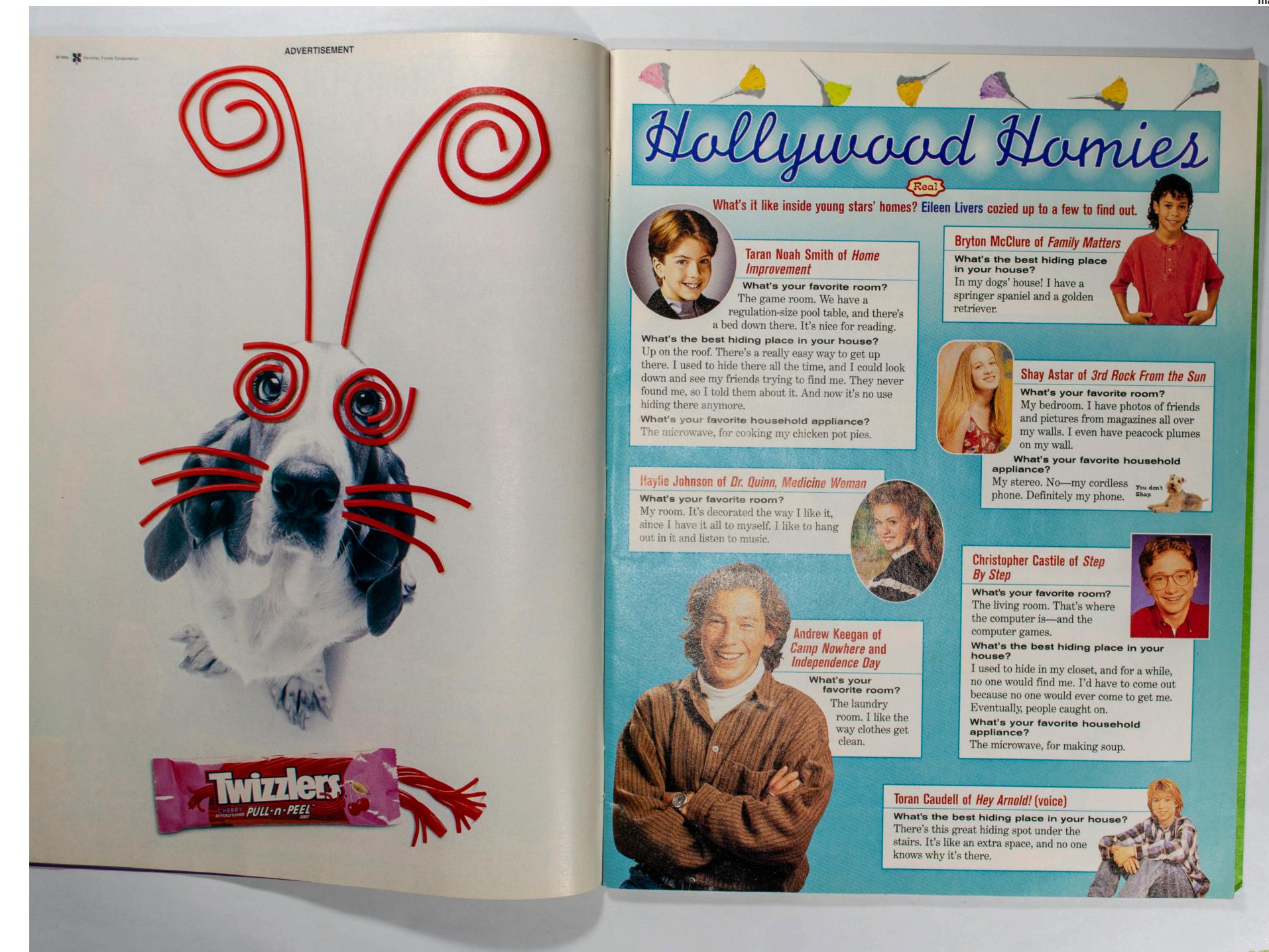
BEZAUSE, BEZAUSE, BEZAUSE, B.C.

Making up excuses to stay home from school is a very old tradition. Exactly how old is unknown, but here are some things that cavekids might have told their caveparents in order to stay home.



- The school bus doesn't have wheels yet. I have a stomachache from all the woolly mammoth I ate.
- Feel my sloping brow, I think I have a fever.
- But all the kids call me Saber-Tooth! I don't have any clean pelts to wear.
- I have a Frogosaurus in my throat.
- You can't drag me there, and that's Neanderthal there is to it!





HOME ON THE STRANGE

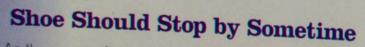
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As the owner of more than 40 shoe stores, Mahlon Haines brought his work home with him when he had a bootshaped house built in 1948. He used the shoe house to advertise his stores by offering free weekend stays to newlyweds. Located on Shoe House Lane in York, Pennsylvania, the house has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room in the toe, and a shoe-shaped doghouse in the yard.



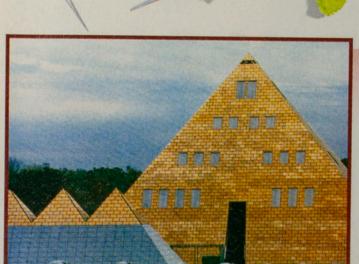
ONE-LOG HOUSE

Hollow, Is Anyone Home?

In 1946, Art Schmock came across a fallen redwood tree. He spent eight months hollowing it out, added wheels, and made a three-room mobile home. Art drove it around America for a few years; then in 1950, he parked it in

Cummings, California.
In 1976, it was moved to Phillipsville, where it has been a tourist attraction ever since.





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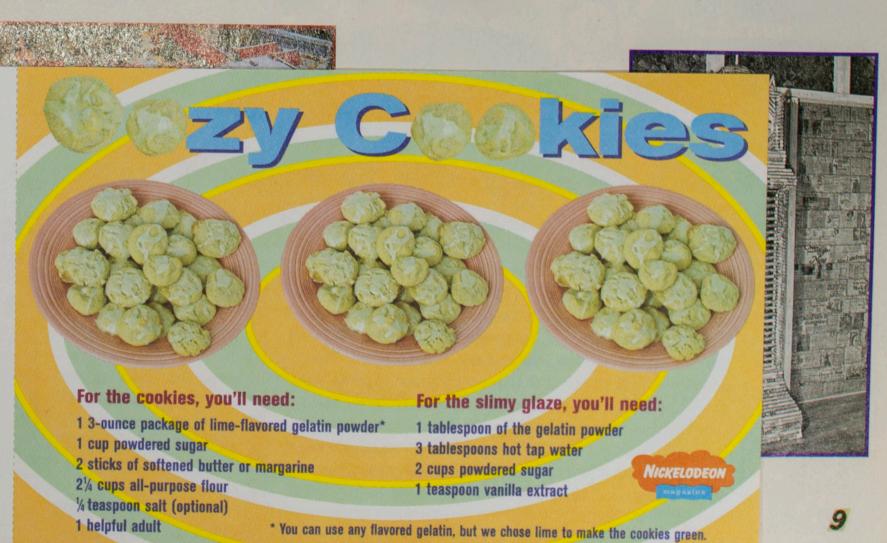
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Bringing Dirt Into the House

The Nautilus House is a model Earthship home in Taos, New Mexico. "Earthship" is the term for an environment-friendly home built with dirt-filled tires and tin cans, covered with adobe and concrete.





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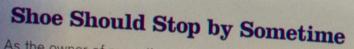
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These cookies are oozy to make

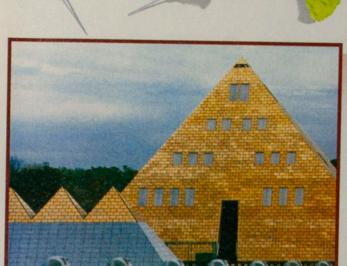
To make the cookies:

• Ask the adult to preheat the oven to 350°. Take one tablespoon of the gelatin out of the package and put it aside in a bowl. (You will use it later for the glaze.) 2 In a large bowl, mix the rest of the gelatin with the powdered sugar and the butter until smooth. 3 Add the flour and salt, and mix again. (The dough may look crumbly.) • Use a tablespoon to press the dough into lumps and place a few inches apart on a cookie sheet. 3 Ask the adult to put the sheet in the oven. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Let them cool for a minute on the cookie sheet, then ask the adult to move them onto a cooling rack. They will be completely cool and ready to slime in about 15 minutes.

To make the Green Slime:

 Pour the hot water over the tablespoon of gelatin and stir until it's dissolved. Let it stand for five minutes. 2 Add in the powdered sugar and vanilla and stir until smooth. 3 Using a spoon or spatula, dribble the glaze over the top of the cooled cookies, then

Remember: Always have an adult help you in the kitchen.



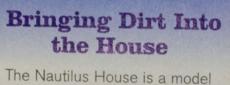
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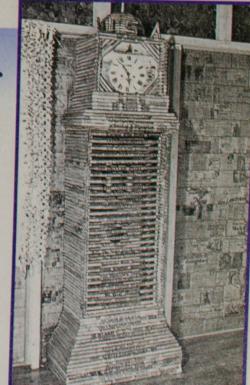


Earthship home in Taos, New Mexico. "Earthship" is the term for an environment-friendly home built with dirt-filled tires and tin cans, covered with adobe and concrete.



Black and White and Bent All Over

Elis Stenman read and threw away three newspapers a day before he realized he could build with the paper. Elis used pressed layers of newspaper to build walls and newspaper rolled into sticks to build furniture (like the clock at right). His home in Rockport, Massachusetts, came to be known as the Paper House.



Room for Improvement

In 1884, when Sarah Winchester bought this home in San Jose, California, she decided to add on to it. Sarah didn't stop building additions until her death in 1922. Over the course of 38 years, carpenters worked on the house around the clock. The house has 13 bathrooms, 47 fireplaces, 10,000 windows, and 40 staircasesincluding some that lead nowhere.

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There are plenty of magazines about good home-decorating ideas. But what if there was a magazine about really bad ideas? Here's what a page might look like:

H*O*M*E*L*Y Decor



For good luck, hang a horseshoe over your front door. Here, Mare and Hoss Blacksmith finish off their brand-new home. Two seconds later, the three back walls fell to the ground. But what good luck—the fourth wall was still standing!



Frieda Fedders knows how to decorate on a budget. She placed Cousin Fridgey on a chair next to the air conditioner, cranked up the cooler, and ta-da!—a statue to admire for years to come. And during the colder months, Fridgey's hands can be used as coat hooks.



When Jimmy Cone says
"Come to my house to eat,"
he really means "Come eat
my house." Gooey marshmallow makes his pistachio
ice cream house all the more
tasty! (And in the summer, all
the cheaper to air-condition.)



Here are Trina and Trent Tackytone in their "Plywood Look" home. This state-of-the-art house is covered with wood-grain contact paper and wipes clean with a damp cloth.



Tired of making her kids' beds every morning, Flo Tate invested in zero-gravity mattresses, which simulate sleeping on a cloud and save wear and tear on delicate bed linens. Here, her son Levi Tate hovers over the covers.



Charlotte, Cheechie, and Chiquita Chatter needed more than a message pad to keep track of their phone calls, so they turned their bachelorette pad into a message center. In this photo, the three popular sisters update their Hot Dates Board.



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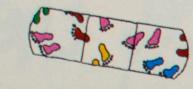
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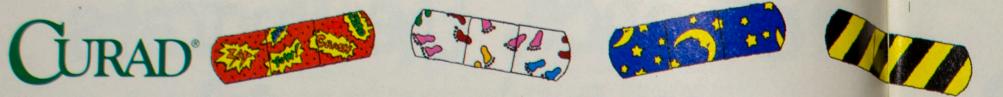
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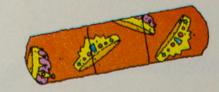
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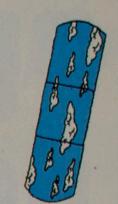


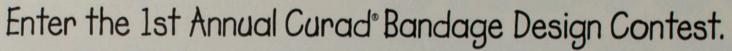


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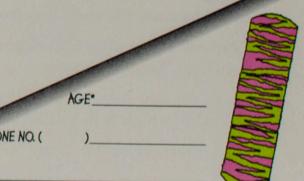
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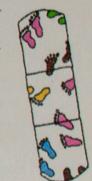
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Carefully tear out this poster along the perforated dotted lines. On one side is the Bathroom Log. It's a sign-in sheet to put on your bathroom door. On the other side is a poster for the fake movie *Appliance Day*.

Did I Mansion the Address?

- BY SIR DAVID LEWMAN -

Here are some things you can do to make people think that you live in a mansion:

- In your back pocket, carry a thick, folded map that's labeled OUR HOUSE.
- When people ask for your zip code, say, "North Wing or South Wing?"
- Soak your hands in water until they're wrinkly. Explain that you were trying to swim across your bathtub.
- If a holiday is coming up, say, "We're going to spend the day driving to my grandparents'. They live in the guest castle."
- Tell people you're going to do a little skiing over the weekend because the cook is defrosting the fridge.
- Say you can't play after school because you have to help Wet-Vac the moat.
- If you're running late, tell people you were in the West Parlor, which is in a different time zone.
- Make a reference to the "puny" Great Wall of China.
- If you don't return a phone call, say you didn't get the message because the servants—all 1,000 of them—had the day off.

How to handle people who want to come over:

Ask if they're good with directions, because it's really complicated getting from the street to the front door.

And if someone actually shows up:

Explain that most of the house is underground for security reasons.

Now where did



Name came to... Time out Time PM read/think







Nothin' says home cookin' like a fresh batch of cookies oozing with Green Slime.

The Cookies



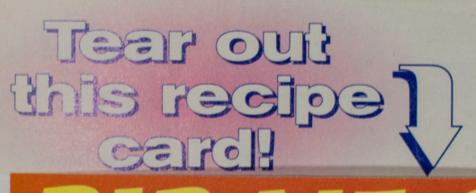
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Mixing green mush
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Adding the flour,
you cannot deny,
may make the dough
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But not to worry,
get out a big spoon.
And press the dough
into small half green moons.





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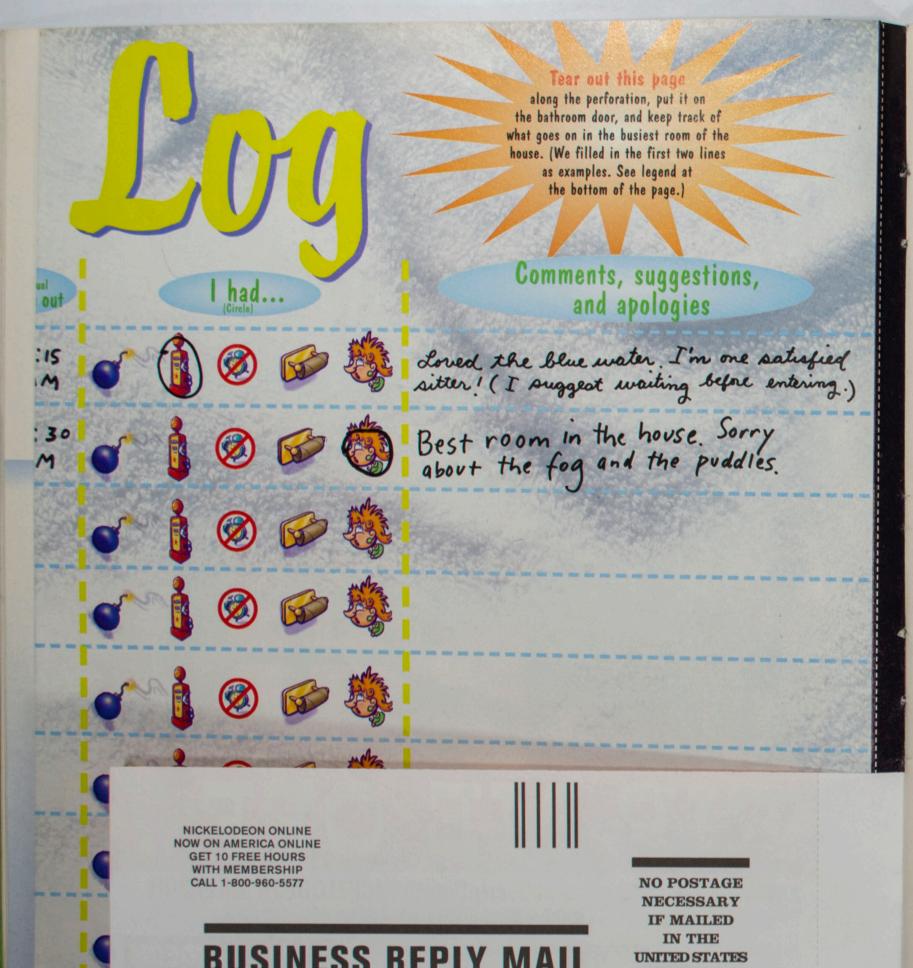
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Teer out this recipe



Mix powder and water to start up the slime, then let it sit for six minutes of time.



Pour in the vanilla and add sugar, too. And after some stirring you'll have oozy green goo.



Place in the oven and sit back for ten. Wait until cool and start over again.



Right off the spoon, so runny it goes. Pretend that it's dripping from somebody's nose.

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Fill in the blanks in the script below. Then gather up your family and friends and give them a hysterical historical tour of your home.

(Note: When performing, do not read the green words aloud.)

by Anne D. Bernstein

Hi! I'm ______, and I'll be your guide today for your tour of the ______ Historic Homestead. Our first stop is the kitchen. (Stand at the refrigerator.) Not long ago, we excavated here and found a number of old specimens. (Pass around an unidentifiable item from the fridge.) Here's an interesting find that our scientists have dated back to 1993. (Point to fingerprint smears on fridge door.) Please notice these markings, too. They remain here from the Battle Over the Last Popsicle, which occurred last summer.

As we continue on to the living room, please notice this spot (point to floor), where ______ refused to go to tried to trade ______ for a handful of shells and beads. (Stand at the coffee table.) And here is the Corner of Wounded Knee, where many of the brave ______ family members have hurt their legs. The table remains here as both a monument and a reminder to those who have been, and will be, injured by its sharp

Lastly, we come to the Honorary Bedroom. This is where the board game you play Uprising occurred, when _____ kicked the board up in the air because ____ was being she or he creamed. This area remains a popular dig site for archaeologists, who continue to find many small plastic pieces under the dresser. This room is also the site of the Battle of the Beds. This nasty skirmish over territory resulted in the signing of the Treaty of ______, which states that the _____ kid gets to

As our tour winds down, we invite you to visit the My Roome Gifte Shoppe, where you may find gifts such as used birthday candles and the very end of a bar of soap. And please come back and visit us again soon—because history is made at least once or twice a month right here at the _______ Historic Homestead.

Fleas leave your message at the sound of the bone.

No One's Here to Fake Your Call

Surprise unsuspecting callers with these homespun greetings.

Note: Be sure to get a parent's permission before recording.

essage #1 Dig this message

Hi, you've reached the family. I can't find the phone, because it's buried under

messiest person in family's messiest person's stuff. So when you hear the beep, leave a really loud message, and maybe I'll hear you. This mess makes me so mad I could [beep].

Message #2 Hello, howl are you?

will give us your message if you

Message #3 Full house

(Read in a hig deep voice.)

Hello. The people you are calling, the Munnas, I think they called themselves, have been eaten by me, the house. Please leave a message anyhow, as I may regurgitate them

Message #4 Tone alone

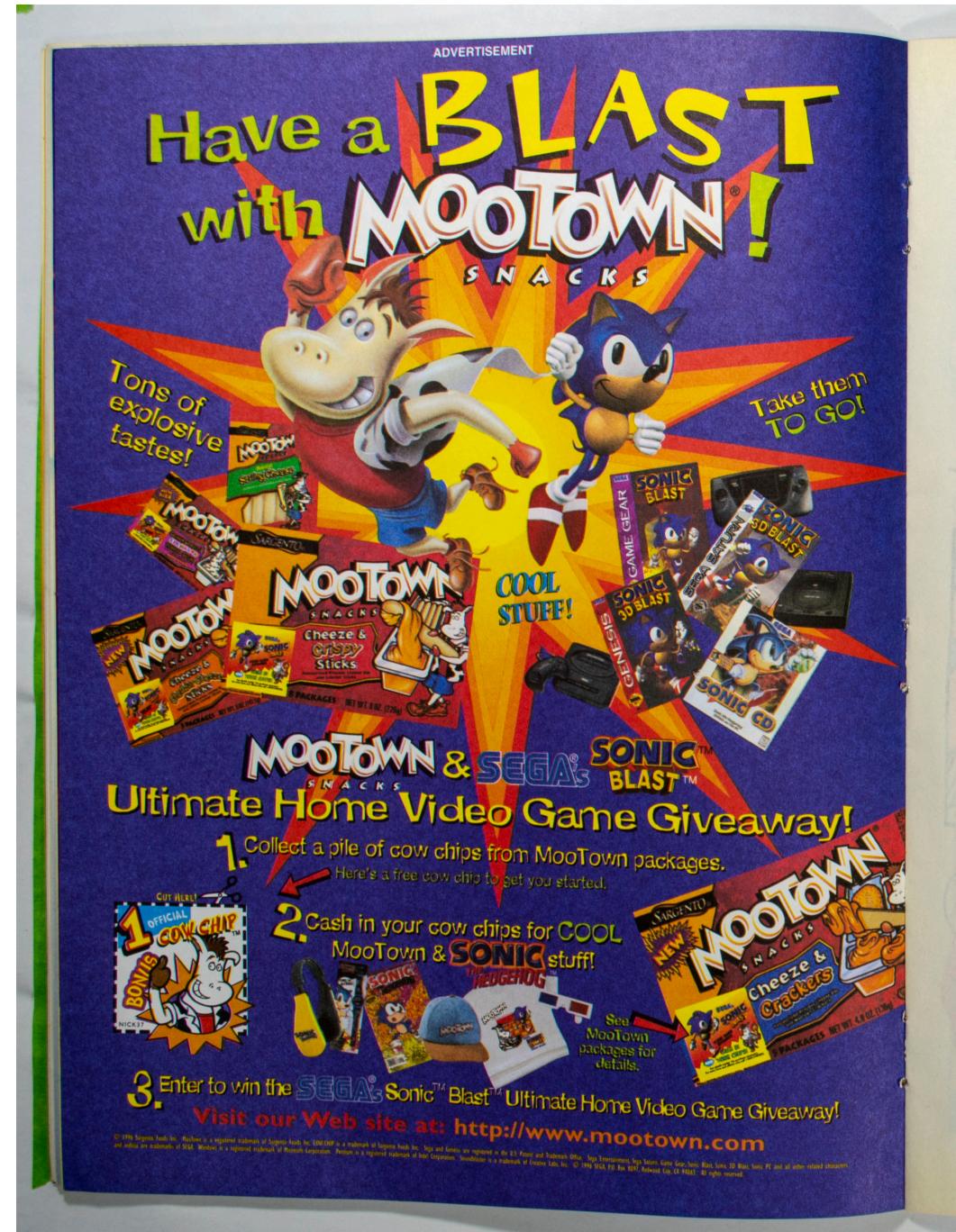
(Read in a robotic voice.) Hi, this is the family. They just remodeled the house and left me sitting in the basement. I think they've forgotten all about me. When you leave a message, please let them know that I'm tired of being down here. It's getting really lonely. I'm starting to talk to the boiler! And could you mention they are low on laundry detergent? Also, there's a mouse. Thanks.

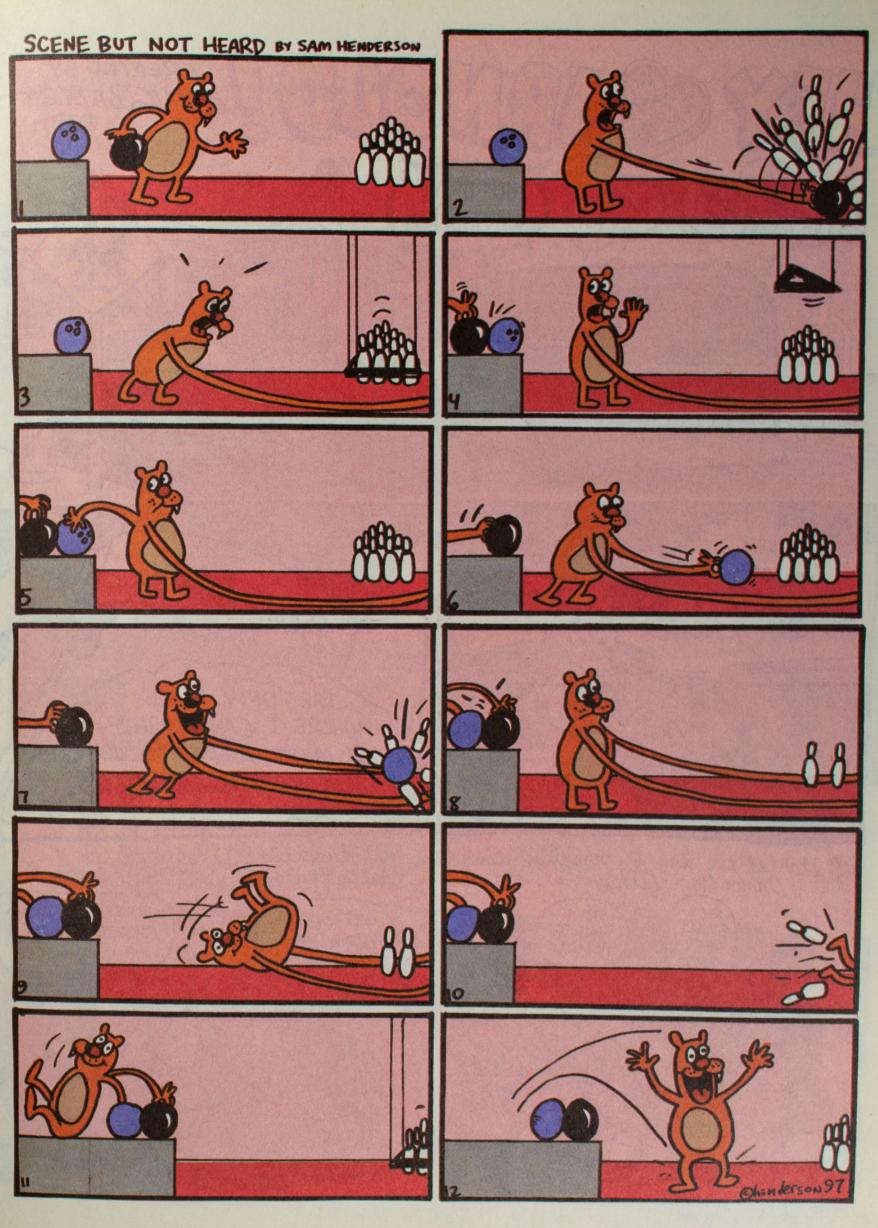


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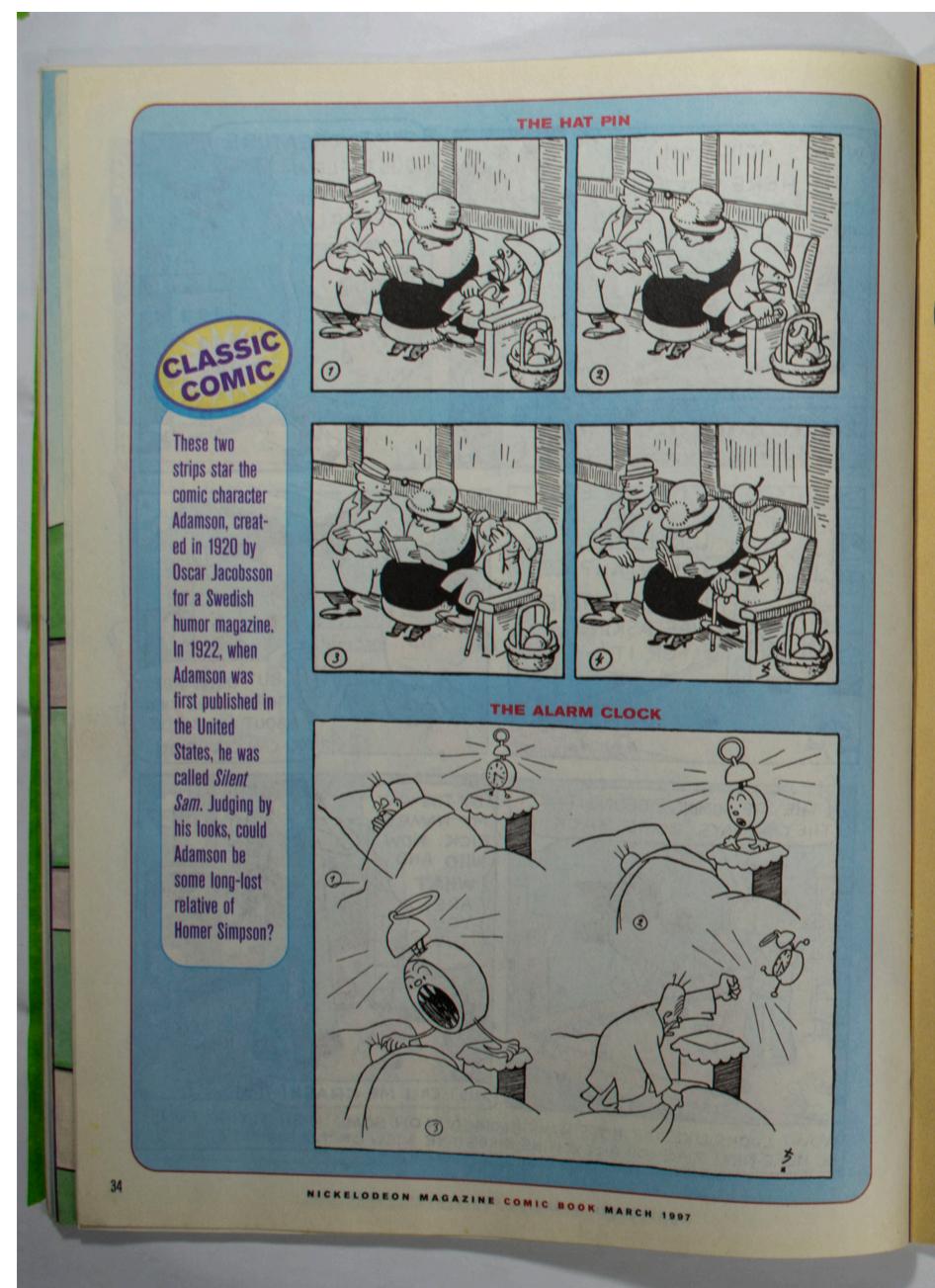










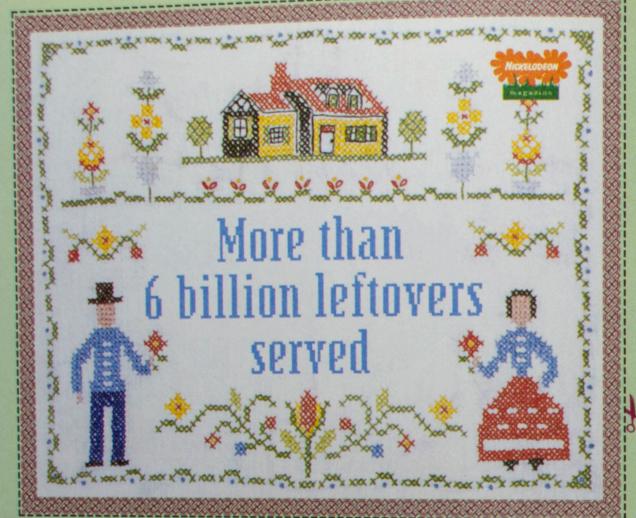






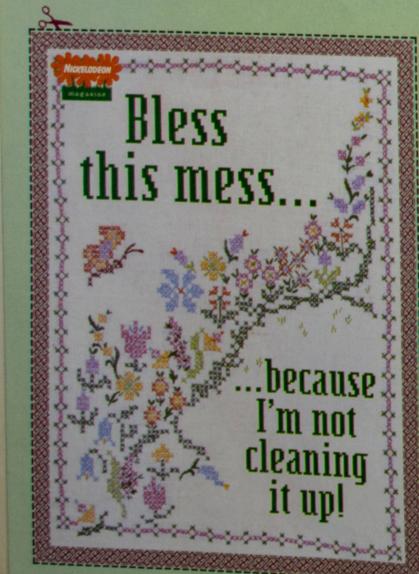
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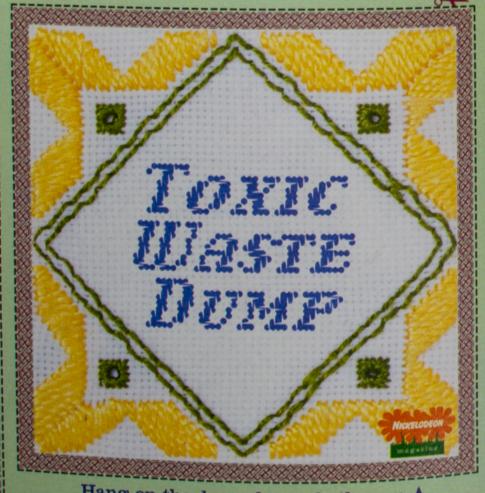






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Dear QZ:

How many places have you visited?

KRISTEN M. CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

Kristen:

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that you'd turn brown?

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I think you're ugly. Are you considered ugly on your planet? RISTIN G.

NETIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Actually, I was crowned Mr. Zlttlz only a few light years ago. I think you're just green with envy.

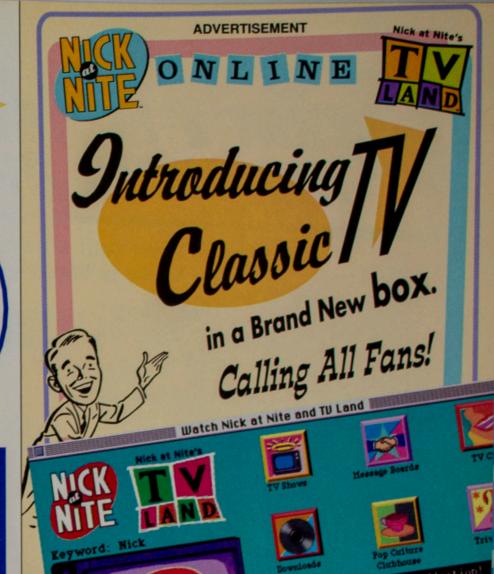
Dear QZ:

How much water can you consume in a 24-hour period? JULIE A. MONROE, CONNECTICUT

The last time I really tested myself was when I took a straw to the Great Sahara Lake in Africa. What, you say? The Sahara's not a lake, but a desert?! Well, yeah, now it is!

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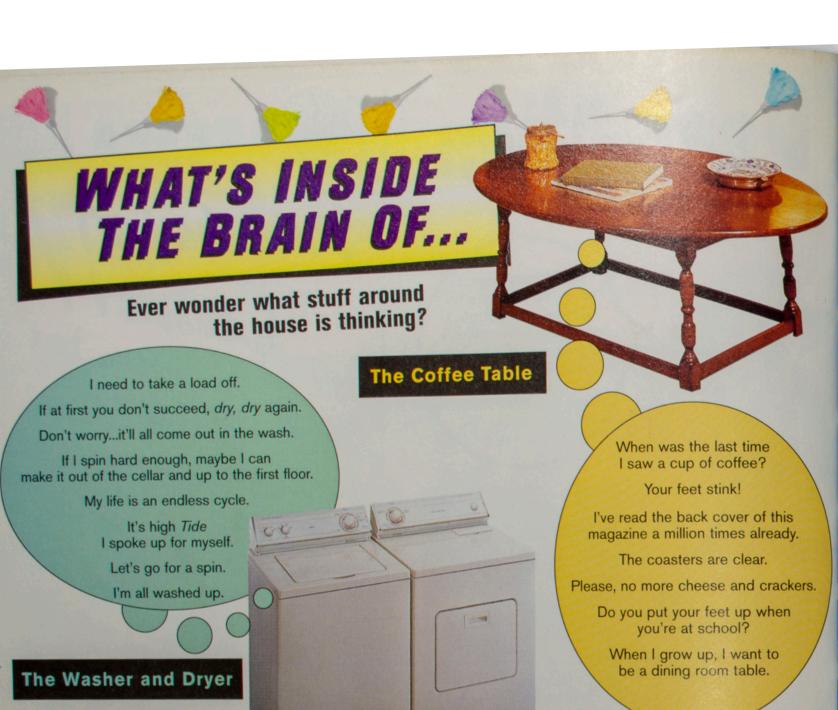


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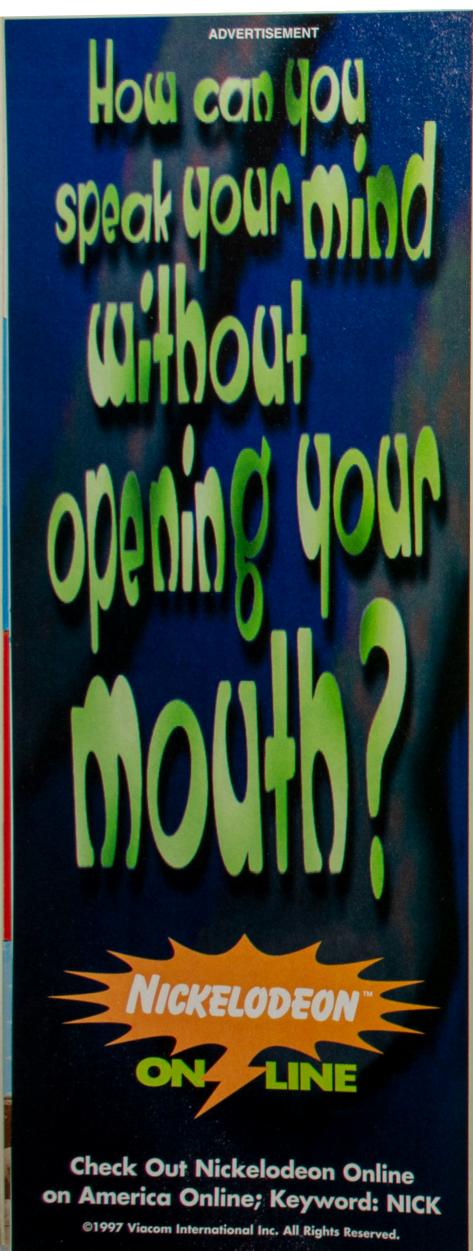
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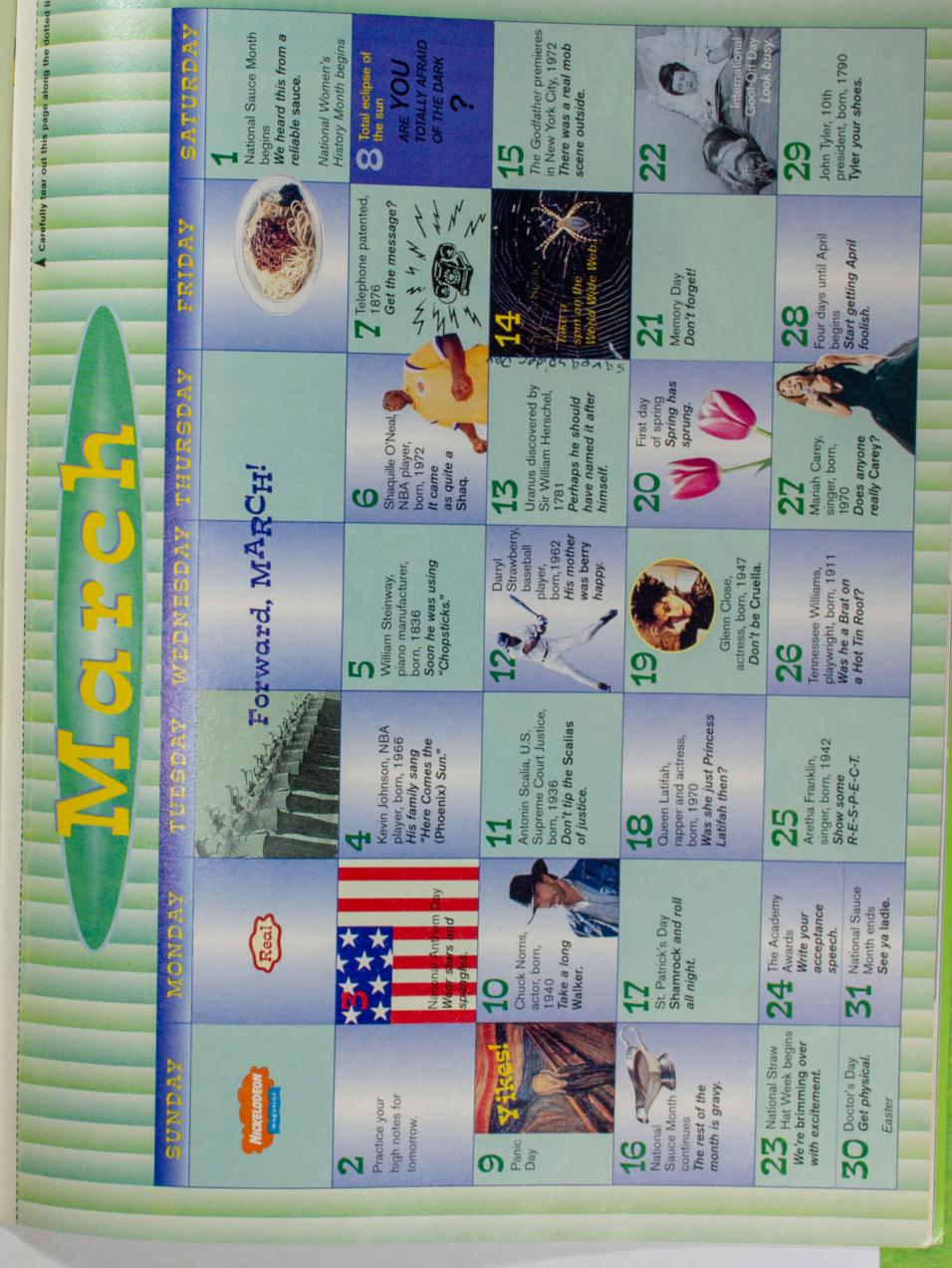
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GEORGE LUCAS is the driving Force behind Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back, and special Return of the Jedi. This winter, the trilogy is back in movie theaters with new scenes and special effects. Eight-year-old KATIE LUCAS interviewed George about the return of her Dad-i.

Katie Lucas: Which is your favorite human character from the Star Wars movies?

George Lucas: It's hard to decide, because the characters I create are like my children. I don't really have a favorite. I love them all equally.

Katie: How about your favorite non-human character? George: If I had to name favorites, I guess I'd say R2-D2 and C-3P0.

Katie: How did you come up with the characters' names?



Lucas and the all-star cast

George: I have lots of ways of coming up with names. R2-D2 was named after a code used by filmmakers when mixing sound for movies. R2-D2 means "reel 2, dialogue 2."

Katie: And how did you come up with Hutt in Jabba the Hutt?

George: I wanted to give Jabba a title. Just as European royalty have titles, like baron, Jabba has a made-up title, Hutt.

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Katie: Which Star Wars costume would you least like to wear? George: The C-3P0 costume.

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Katie: What's the best part about revising vies? George: Going back and fixing the things the dn't come out right. When I finally fixed Star Wars after 20 years, I felt much better.

Katie: Are you more like Han or Luke?

George: Luke. Han is like a mentor, someon look up to. He's more like Francis Ford Coppola, a ector who was my mentor.

Katie: Princess Leia versus an Imperial storm who would win? George: Leia. She has better aim.

Katie: The shark in Jaws versus Chewbacca-who walks, or swims, away?

George: Chewie doesn't like to swim, so he'd throw

rocks at the shark from the shore, which means he'd probably win.

Katie: Could the Force help with homework?

George: Yes, if you look inside yourself and think, "I must do this homework. It's really the right thing to do."

Katie: What would you most like to cut with a lightsaber?

George: I'd like to cut a hamburger in half and eat it.

Katie: What's your favorite book? George: I have lots of favorites. Treasure Island is a good book.

Katie: Did you like science fiction when you were a kid?

George: Actually, I preferred history. I loved reading about the American Revolution, the Battle of Gettysburg, and the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack.

Katie: If you were Indiana Jones stuck on a pirate ship, would you stay and fight or jump overboard and swim to shore? George: I'd take over the ship and sail it home with the treasur

Katie: But Dad, the s have guns and swords.

George: But Indiana Jones could take on all those guys.

Katie: What's your favorite animal? George: I like Alaskan mountain dogs.

Katie: Like our dog Dakota? George: Yes, I love our dog Dakota.

Katie: Then why do you always say, "Shoo, dog! Shoo!"

George: Because sometimes Dakota gets in the way.

Heart of Darth-ness

JAMES EARL JONES is the voice behind Darth Vader in the three Star Wars movies. He also did the voice for Mufasa in The Lion King. We Forced our way into talking with him.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How long did it take you to play Darth Vader for Star Wars?

James Earl Jones: I recorded the part in two and a half hours.

NM: Did you do the breathing sounds, too?

JEJ: No. Darth is a composite of many people: There was David Prowse, the man who did the acting; I did the voice; someone else did the breathing; and the face revealed at the end of Return of the Jedi was another guy.

NM: Have you ever met David Prowse?

JEJ: No. And, in fact, I didn't even meet my movie son, Luke Skywalker, until around 10 years after Star Wars was made. Mark Hamill and I were acting in plays on Broadway at the same time, and we met for lunch.

NM: Was it a dramatic meeting? Was anyone's arm cut off? JEJ: Upon the first embrace? No.

NM: Were you happy that Darth becomes a good guy at the end of Return of the Jedi?

JEJ: Not necessarily. I didn't want to believe him. I thought he was lying.

NM: What's the best part about doing voice work? JEJ: It's an easy way to create a character. You are able to lose the selfconsciousness that you may have about your looks.

NM: Do you have a favorite line from *Star Wars* or *The Lion King?* JEJ: From Star Wars, I like "I have you now, Obi-Wan Kenobi." And from The Lion King, "You have deliberately disobeyed me, Simba." Actually, being a voice actor, I never memorize my material. I read it from the script. Therefore, all the kids know the lines better than I do.

NM: Which character was more fun to do, Darth or Mufasa? JEJ: Wow. I don't know. In spite of Mufasa being an animal, he was the "papa," and I'm a papa, too. So I relate to that.

NM: So you'd rather spend an afternoon with Mufasa than with Darth? JEJ: If I had my choice, I'd probably spend it with Darth. Mufasa is a lion. after all. He doesn't think about you-he eats you.

Kielbasa

What's the Confusion?

Here's a guide to help you distinguish some Star Wars characters from their confusion-causing counterparts.

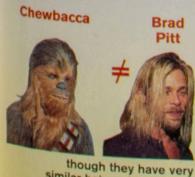


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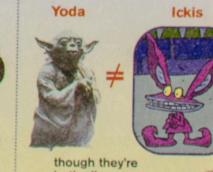
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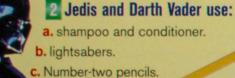
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though they have very similar hair and have both costarred with Harrison Ford.

Take this quiz to test your knowledge of the Star Wars universe. And no fair looking in the Encyclopedia Galactica! Answers on page 56.

A Wookiee is:

- a. Darth Vader's favorite snack.
- in grunts and growls.
- c. what you call it when you use the Force to give someone a wedgie.



- An X-wing starfighter can:
- a. turn right on red lights. b. be used in cosmic tic-tac-toe.
- c. destroy the Death Star if it hits it in just the right place.

Chewbacca is:

- a. Han Solo's favorite bubble gum. **b.** a tall, furry creature who communicates **b.** the barrette that Princess Leia uses
 - to pin up her hair. c. Han Solo's first mate.

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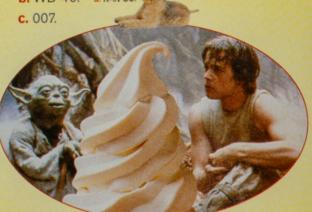
- a. I Love Macaroni-George Lucas' slogan when dining at the Lucasfilm cafeteria.
- b. Industrial Light & Magic-George Lucas' special effects company.
- c. Intergalactic Love Machine-Princess Leia's favorite disco group.

6 An Ewok is:

- a. really good for stir-frying vegetables.
- b. a sensible walking shoe.
- c. a short, furry creature who lives on Endor's forest moon in Return of the Jedi.

R2-D2's partner is:

- a. C-3P0.
- b. WD-40. d. K-9POO.



8 In *The Empire Strikes Back*, Yoda teaches Luke Skywalker:

- a. about yoga, yogurt, yo-yos, and yodeling.
- b. how to use the Force and be a Jedi.
- c. how to make that scary Darth Vader breathing sound.

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Steak and a Small Fry

Eighteen-year-old KOBE BRYANT is the voungest Los Angeles Laker ever.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Does it bother you that you're named after Kobe steak, a kind of beef? Kobe Bryant: No, it's cool.

NM: Do you ever wish you were named after a different kind of meat? KB: Kobe steak is pretty expensive, so it's okay.

NM: Are the players a lot taller in the pros?

KB: Oh, yeah. In high school I was the Shaquille O'Neal on my team. Now I'm pretty much the little fellow. [He's 6'6".]

NM: Were you ever worried about being so young or not fitting in?

KB: I was a little worried at first. But after the first day of practice, all that went out the window. apple pie.

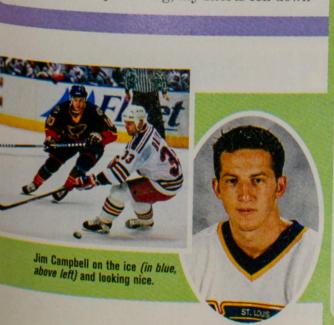
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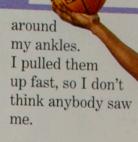
KB: I've known Eddie Jones for quite a while, and Shaq is like an older brother.

NM: Do you get nervous when you play against players such as Michael Jordan? KB: No, it's an opportunity to play against some of the best players ever.

NM: Has anything funny happened to you while playing?

KB: Well, I always wear baggy shorts, and one time when I was practicing, my shorts fell down





NM: Do you ever get tired because the pro season is much longer than the high school one?

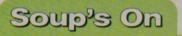
KB: Sometimes. But if I do, I relax. I lie around my hotel room, read, watch a little TV, and sleep.

NM: Do you order a lot of room service? KB: Oh, yeah. I like to order

NM: What's the best part about playing for the

Lakers?

KB: I get to see a lot of different cities, eat a lot of apple pie, and play a lot of basketball, which is what I like to do.



JIM CAMPBELL, who was the NHL Rookie of the Month in October 1996, plays for the St. Louis Blues.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Do you have a nickname on the team? Jim Campbell: Everyone calls me Soup, because of my last name. But I've had that nickname my entire life.

NM: What's the first thing you bought when you were signed? JC: I got a satellite dish. I love to you ever seen the movie The watch sports on TV.

new guy on the team? JC: I'm a really easygoing guy, so it's not hard for me to make friends.

Kobe strikes a pose (above left), and plays with the pros.

TAKERS

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NM: What has your rookie experience been like?

JC: It's been great. My teammates are helping me out. One time, though, when I fell asleep on a plane, the guys put shaving cream in my hair.

NM: You played for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks for part of your rookie year. Have Mighty Ducks?

JC: Yes. I saw it before I became NM: Is it hard when you're the a Mighty Duck. I wish my slap shot was as high as the kid's knuckle puck in the movie.

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NM: Who are your favorite musical groups? Coolio: The Chi-Lites, The Stylistics, and The Dramatics. [All of them were popular '70s bands.]

NM: Is All That "laughta's paradise"?



of chips! Seriously, though, I'm no more all that than the next person -everybody can be all that.

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MONICA

Nickelodeon Magazine: What was the best thing about being on All That? Monica: Being able to perform for the kids and seeing the smiles on their faces.

NM: Was this your first time acting? Monica: No, I acted on Living Single. And I'll definitely act again.

NM: Did you make any mistakes while acting? Monica: I made a few, because I kept laughing.

NM: Which is scarier—acting or singing? Monica: Acting. I've been singing all my life.

NM: Who's your favorite singer? Monica: I have two-my mom and Shirley Murdock.

NM: Are you all that? Monica: That definitely is a matter of opinion. Every person is all that in their own way.

IMMATURE

Nickelodeon Magazine: Why did you want to appear Marques "Batman" Houston: Because it's a great show.

NM: Did you watch the show before you went on? Kelton "LDB" Kessee: Yes, a few times. But we don't have much time to watch TV.

NM: What was the funniest thing that happened to you when you were on the show?

AALIYAH

Romeo: I don't think so, but I guess some people do.

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NM: Was this your first time acting?

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Jerome "Romeo" Jones: I was in House Party 3, too.

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NM: Will you ever act again?

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LDB: Oh, yeah! Just kidding.

The House of Miss Luly Anne.

NM: Who are your favorite characters on the show? Aaliyah: Ishboo and Roseanne.

Kid on the Set

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Ten-year-old Amanda Bynes is All That's newest and youngest cast member. We asked her about life as the new kid on the set-and found out about her life off the set, too.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How were you discovered? Amanda Bynes: When I was nine, All That producers and directors saw my comedy act at the Laugh Factory, a comedy club in Hollywood. Then, after a couple of interviews, they asked me to be on the show.

NM: What was your Laugh Factory act about? AB: It was about how the teachers in my school thought I was evil. I had the same teacher that my older brother did, so I was always being compared to him, which was kind of crummy. In my

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and Immature. Sometimes when they're rehearsing we can go up and dance with them.

NM: Do you get to do a lot of impersonations on All That? AB: Yeah, I get to do Jim Carrey I practice my impersonations in front of a mirror to get the face movements right.

NM: What would your dream house look like? AB: It would be a mansion that has a pool with a slide, a spa, a trampoline. and an amusement park in the backvard.

NM: Your dream room? AB: Everything would have a remote control, like on Hey Arnold!

NM: Which room in your house do you like most?

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NM: Are you all that? Batan: What do you think? LDB: Oh, yeah! Just kidding. Romeo: I don't think so, but I guess some people do.

AALIYAH

Nickelodeon Magazine: Why did you want to perform on All That? Aaliyah: It's a great show for young people.

NM: Who are your favorite characters on the show? Aaliyah: Ishboo and Roseanne.

NM: What did you do between takes? Aaliyah: I talked and joked with the cast members and watched TLC's performance.

NM: What's your favorite song? Aaliyah: "Anytime, Anyplace" by Janet Jackson.

NM: Do you ever have stage fright? laliyah: I get butterflies in my stomach before I sing. But I just say prayer and do my thing. And because I love what I do, once I'm performing, it's all that!



Kid on the Set

Ten-year-old Amanda Bynes is All That's newest and youngest cast member. We asked her about life as the new kid on the set-and found out about her life off the set, too.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How were you discovered? Amanda Bynes: When I was nine, All That producers and directors saw my comedy act at the Laugh Factory, a comedy club in Hollywood. Then, after a couple of interviews, they asked me to be on the

NM: What was your Laugh Factory act about? AB: It was about how the teachers in my school thought I was evil. I had the same teacher that my older brother did, so I was always being compared to him, which was kind of crummy. In my act, I said that when I got my report card, the comments section said, "She's the daughter of the devil." But that's just in my act— I'm not that bad in real life.

NM: What's it like being the new kid on All That? AB: It's been fun. Everybody has made me feel like I've been on the show since the beginning.

NM: Do you get to meet the musicians who are on the show? AB: Yeah, I've met A Tribe Called Quest, LL Cool J,

and Immature. Sometimes when they're rehearsing we can go up and dance with them.

get to do a lot of impersonations on All That? AB: Yeah, I get to do Jim Carrey I practice my impersonations in front of a mirror to get the face movements right.

NM: Do you

NM: What would your dream house look like? AB: It would be a mansion that has a pool with a slide, a spa, a trampoline, and an amusement park in the backyard.

NM: Your dream room? AB: Everything would have a remote control, like on Hey Arnold!

NM: Which room in your house do you like most? AB: My bedroom, because I have a beanbag chair in there where I sit and read stuff. Also, I've got more than 200 Archie comics, and my room is where I keep all my Archie posters and drawings.

NM: So you like hanging out inside? AB: Yeah. But I also like to be outside. I'm a nature girl.

All That airs on Saturday at 9 PM and Sunday at 12:30 PM. Show airs one hour earlier in the central time zone. Check local listings

◀"I bought these Beatles

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

What kind of office do you have?

My office is like a second home, because I spend so much time in it. And it's decorated more like a college dorm room than a company president's office. I keep a lot

of weird things in it. Here's some of my favorite stuff:

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Tommy Pickles' dad

▲ Herb's view ◀ Herb's couch

◄ "This is a reproduction of the napkin on which Gabor Csupo first drew the characters for AAAHH!!! Real Monsters."

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19 Not hers



dolls from a street vendor in Moscow a few years ago."

"This picture of me was taken on the same trip to Russia. That's when I realized all my clothes had names of companies or products on them. For my birthday, some friends at work turned the picture into a poster of 'Logo Man.'"

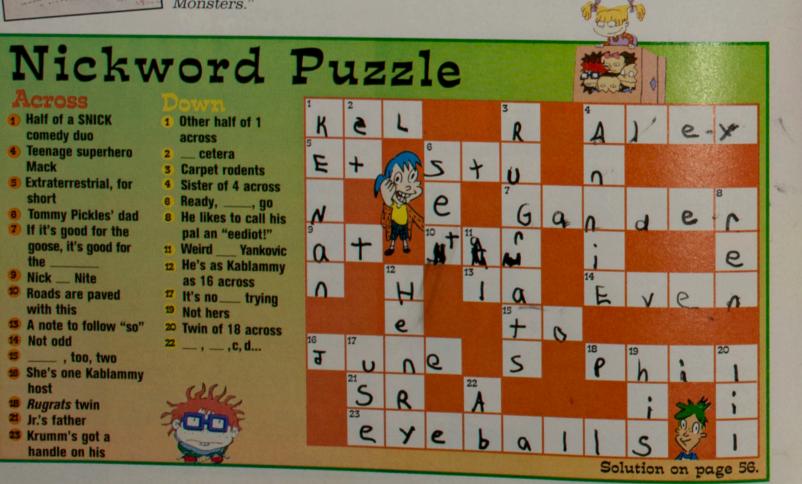


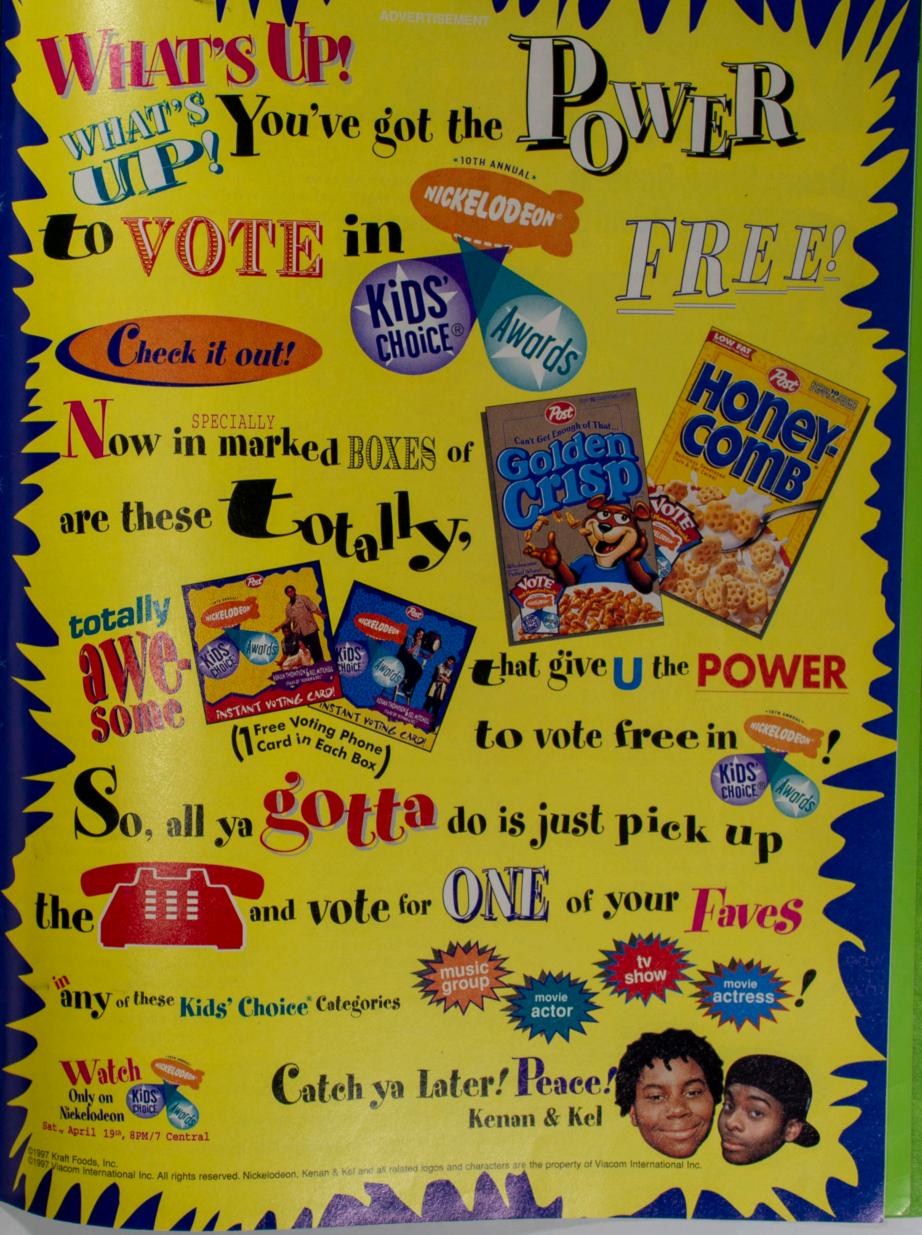
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What's New on Nick

Find out kids' favorites in movies, music, sports, and TV, during Nickelodeon's 10th Annual Kids' Choice Awards. The star-studded show airs on Saturday, April 19, at 8 PM*.

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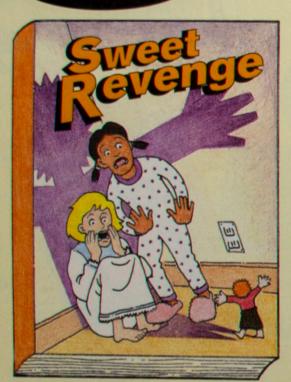




Winners

Real

Scary Story Contest In our October 1996 issue, we asked you to write a scary story that started with "What was that?" and ended with "...and the screams echoed Results started with "What was that?" and ended with "...and the screams echo into the night." Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions.



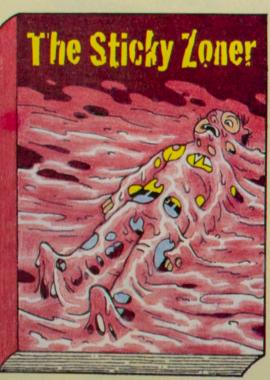
by Joey S., age 11, Zephyrhills, Florida

"What was that?" whispered Jane, half asleep.

"I think someone is in this room," replied Kathy. A hideous laugh filled the room. It kept getting louder and louder until it became an ear-piercing shriek! All of a sudden, the noise stopped. In the silence, two beady, red eyes appeared in front of the frightened girls.

"I hate it when you dress me up in these stupid clothes," a voice hissed.

"It's...my doll! How did this happen?" gasped Jane. The doll crept toward the two shivering girls. In shock, they opened their mouths, and the screams echoed into the night.



by Mackenzie A., age 10, Daytona Beach, Florida

"What was that?" said Jenna. Puff-puff went her motorcycle.

"I think the motorcycle is dead," replied Mackenzie.

"Oh no!" cried Jenna. "Isn't this the place where the Sticky Zoner lives?"

"Who's that?" asked Mackenzie. "The Sticky Zoner is a man covered in gum. It's said that every night he roams this spot. sticking people into a secret dimension," explained Jenna. Suddenly they realized they were stuck to gum and began to scream as they fell through a black hole into the secret dimension. The screams echoed into the night.



by Jeffrey B. age 11, North Richland Hills, Texas

"What was that?" asked Roger, as he cut into his pumpkin. A wave of rotten-smelling gas, thick enough to see, flowed through the slit. The pumpkin was glowing-without a candle! A monster from within grabbed the knife, cut a hole, and escaped the pumpkin's orange walls.

Roger was scared, but he knew he had to capture the monster. He applied superglue around the hole. When the monster reappeared, Roger stood in front of the pumpkin. The monster charged at him. Roger jumped aside and let the monster lunge back into the pumpkin. Roger then slammed the missing piece of pumpkin into the hole, and the screams echoed into the night.



by Katie T., age 9, Queenstown, Maryland

"What was that?" asked Danielle Speller. It was just the new babysitter at the door. The Speller kids already hated the sitter, even though they had never met her. She started out being really nice, but then she asked Danielle to pick up liver at the store and have it home by 8 PM for dinner.

Rather than go to the store, Danielle stopped at the arcade and spent all the money. She was too scared to go home empty-handed. While she was thinking about what to do, she passed the graveyard. There she saw an unburied coffin, which gave her an idea.

Danielle brought home the dead person's liver. Then she and her younger brother Chris said that they weren't hungry. The babysitter ate the liver. Everything seemed to go according to plan.

Later that night, after Danielle and Chris had gone to bed, they heard a voice. It groaned, "Give me back my liver!" Lightning struck. As everyone disappeared,

From the October 1996 issue:

We asked you to fill in the speech and thought balloons in this picture. These entries scored big.



Player on left: Phew! Man! Smelly pits! Player on right: Hasn't he heard the best defense is a good offense-ive odor? Bobby L., age 10 Warren, Ohio

Player on left: The moon's gravity isn't as strong as I thought. Player on right: So this is what they mean by an away game. Betsy T., age 10 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Player on left: I fly through the air with the greatest of ease. Player on right: Especially when you've just cut the cheese! Stephanie L., age 13

Palm Coast, Florida

Player on left: Do you want to dance? Player on right: Sorry, I'm already taken. Jennifer S., age 12 Deerfield Beach, Florida

Player on left: Want to go for a burger after? Player on right: No thanks. I feel more like a tossed salad. Chris M., age 9 Pawcatuck, Connecticut

Honorable Mentions

"Onen Haart Surgery" by Maria

"Vampires" by Claire H., age 12, Ypsilanti, Michigan

"Cooking Kids Lately?" by Madalyn W., age 12, San Francisco, California

"The Haunted Clown" by Francis and Stephanie C., ages 11 and 9, Moraga, California

"Screaming Bald Heads" by Marcus T., Columbus, Missouri

"My Shrunken Head" by Ian L., age 10, Walnut, California

"Pumpkinstein" by Sarah C., age 9, Tucson, Arizona

"Moldy Cheese" by Ariel S., age 12, Cooper City, Florida

Each winner received a Nickelodeon prize package and Bruce Coville's The World's Worst Fairy Godmother.

Thanks for all your entries. When we read them, our screams echoed into the night.

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5-B, 6-C, 7-A, 8-B.

GOOF TROUPE

14-#2 (Castle tower)

15-#6 (Roof ramp)

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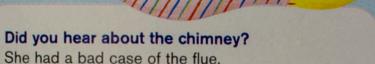
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And did you hear about the angry chimney? She went right through the roof.

How did the chimney remember every fire? She kept a log.

What song does Whitney Houston sing to the corridor?

"I Will Hallways Love You."

What house weighs the least? A lighthouse.

What motto hangs in the deli section? Ham Sweet Ham.

What does a bee say when he flies into the hive?

"Honey, I'm home!"

Where do rooms get their news? From the wallpaper.

Was the small piece of wood excited to be part of the house?

No, he was a little board.

Why did the staircase stop at the second floor? one couldn't take another step.

Where do rugs go when they retire? To Floor-ida.

Why wouldn't the ceiling go out with the floor? She felt he was beneath her.

by David Lewman

Why didn't the mirror believe the window's story? He could see right through her.

Why was the liar's house so tall? He kept adding stories.

Knock-knock. Who's there?

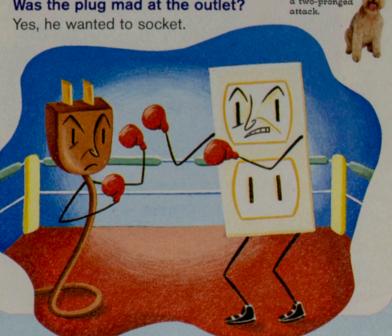
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Fixture doorbell, so I won't have to knock anymore.

Which hall knows all the answers to these riddles? The Know-It-Hall.

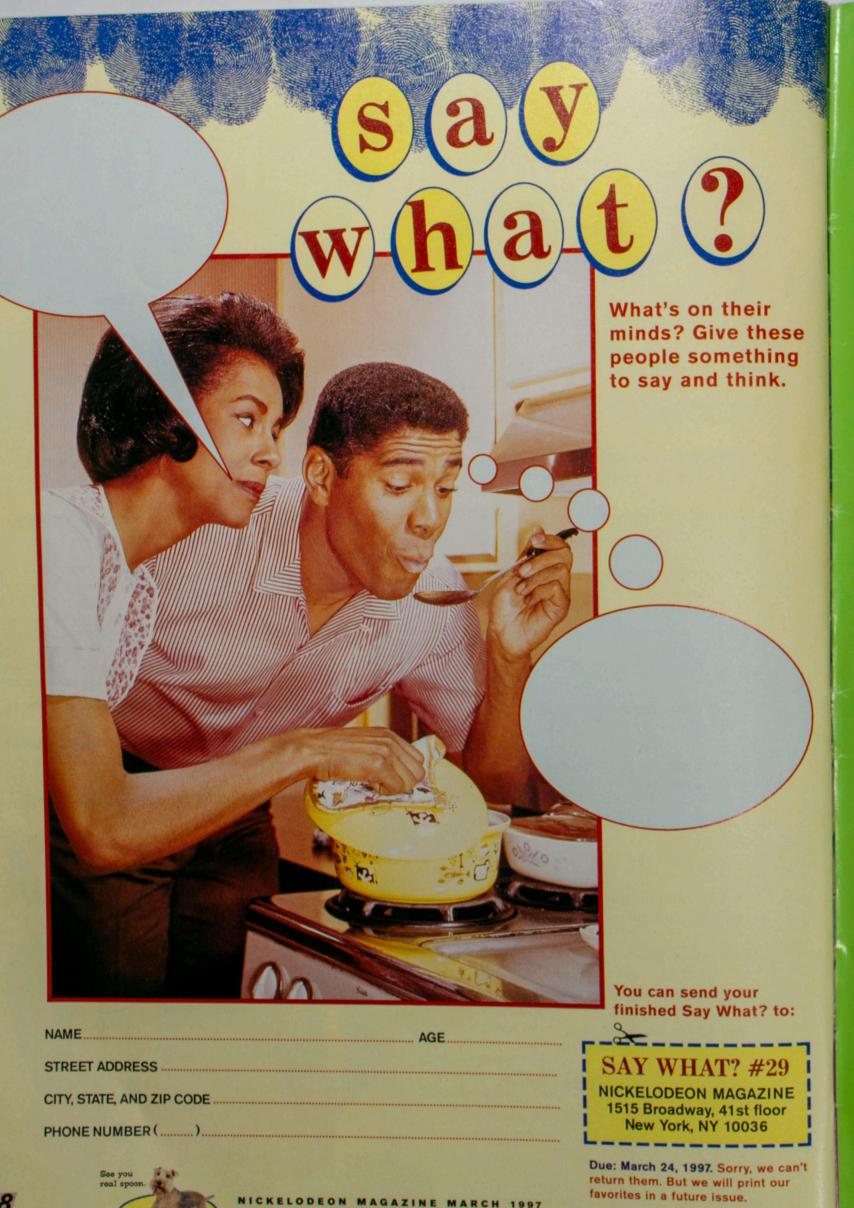
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